competencies have helped the country in saving of foreign exchange in many critical areas. However, it is not always feasible and economically viable to go for indigenous development of ajl systems needed by Services.

(b) DRDO has already established institutionalised mechanism t& pool national resources available with universities, academic institutions, R&D laboratories/centres and the industry, both in public and private sector for undertaking Research and Development leading to production of weapon systems.

Denial of visa to sikh evacuees from Afghanistan

* 48. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sikh evacuees from Afghanistan languishing in Pakistan refugee camps are being denied visa to enter India; and

(b) how many applications have been received in this regard and what is the hitch in doing the needful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the information available with Government of India about 275 Afghan Sikh/Hindu families arc presently in Pakistan with the intention of travelling to India. As and when Indian High Commission in Islamabad refers applications for issue of visas. Government of India is issuing visas after usual checks. So far Government of India has issued visas for 110 cases on receiving their applications through Indian High Commission, Islamabad.

Villages in Madhya Pradesh not connected with all-weather roads

* 49. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise and panchayat-wise number of villages in Madhya Pradesh which have not been- connected with all weather roads;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central Government have formulated a national rural roads linkage scheme; and

(c) if so, what measures Central Government propose to take in next two years under this scheme to connect all the villages in Madhya Pradesh with metalled roads?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The District-wise number of villages not connected with all-weather roads in Madhya Pradesh is given in the Statement *(See* below). Panchayat-wise records are not being maintained in the Ministry of Rural Development.

The Government of India have launched the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) with the objective of providing Connectivity, by way of all-weather roads, to the unconnected Habitations in the rural areas, in such a way that Habitations with a population of 1000 persons and above are covered in three years (2000-2003) and unconnected Habitations with a population of 500 persons and above by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007). The timely achievement of the targets, including in Madhya Pradesh, will, *inter-alia,* depend on the provision of requisite financial resources and the capacity of State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to effectively utilise the available funds.

Statement

District-wise number of villages not connected with alt weather roads in Madhya Pradesh

No.	Name of the District	Total Villages	Unconnected Villages
1	2	3 .	4
1.	Balaghat	1269	306
2.	Barwani	714	192
3.	Betul	1328	644
4.	Bhind	877	504
5.	Bhopal	511	205

1	2	3 .	4
6.	Chhatarpur	1076	637
7.	Chhindwara	1903	1054
8.	Damoh	1205	572
9.	Datia	542	387
10.	Dewas	1058	375
11.	Dhar	1487	626
12.	Dindori	909	462
13.	Guna	2059	1404
14.	Gwalior	566	202
15.	Harda	497	263
16.	Hoshangabad	923	540
17.	Indore	624	225
18.	Jabalpur	1373	484
19.	Jhabua	1313	456
20.	Katni	884	359
21.	Khandwa (East Nimar)	1060	379
22.	Khargaon	1170	414
23.	Mandla	1197	430
24.	Mandsaur	899	468
25.	Morena	760	356
26.	Neemuch '	676	257
27.	Narsinghpur	1040	680
28.	Panna	939	519
29.	Raisen	1429	989
30.	Rajgarh	1664	1379
31.	Ratlam	1051	463
32.	Rewa	2352	902

1	2	3	4
33.	Sagar	1868	1158
34.	Satna	1784	956
35.	Sehore	1011	640
36.	Seoni	1585	885
37.	Shahdol	1388	710
38.	Shajapur	1068	594
39.	Sheopur	533	304
40.	Shivpuri	1326	873
41.	Sidhi	1822	883
42.	Tikamgarh	863	431
43.	Ujjain	1092	444
44.	Umria	589	352
45.	Vidisha	1522	1057
	TOTAL:	51806	26420

Amount to be recovered by CIL from power producing units

† * 50. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power producing units of the country owe huge amount to the Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the amount to be recovered by the Coal India Limited from the power producing units upto 31st March, 2001, togetherwith the names of such units;

(c) the disputed amount out of the total amount to be recovered; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.